

# The Lincoln Monument Association of Philadelphia.

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The members of the "LINCOLN MONUMENT ASSOCIATION OF PHILADELPHIA" beg to announce to their fellow-citizens throughout the State, and especially in this city, that they have organized for the purpose of erecting here a Monument to the memory of our late illustrious President. They ask contributions from all classes of the community, for the purpose of accomplishing this important object.

The gentlemen composing the Association have been induced to form it, because, while there was a universal desire that some public testimonial of the feeling of the community should exist, there seemed wanting an organized plan to secure its proper execution. Mr. Lincoln's truest monument is doubtless in the hearts of the people, and there it will assuredly remain firm and enduring for all generations. Still it has been the customary and natural practice among all civilized nations to commemorate their dead heroes and benefactors by some fitting public monument, which should be alike the expression of their own sense of the loss which has befallen them, and a lesson to all posterity of the common veneration of mankind for a life dignified by wisdom, bravery and virtue. To the memory of Mr. Lincoln, as the foremost man of his time in all that constitutes the highest type of greatness, some fitting recognition of this kind on our part is pre-eminently due; for we could not honor the memory of any man more worthily than that of him who has led our country in safety and in triumph through its most fearful trials, and who has placed its future upon the imperishable basis of union and universal freedom.

The nature and character of the Monument, will of course, necessarily, depend upon the amount of contributions. The Association are determined that it shall be worthy of the patriotism of Pennsylvania, and the reverent affection of her people for Mr. LINCOLN's memory. They call upon all classes in the community, and especially upon the ladies for their aid and co-operation in securing the success of this important work. They request that Associations, auxiliary to them, may be formed throughout the State and in every Ward in this City. Those who may desire to contribute directly to the funds of the Association, will please send their money to

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PHILADELPHIA, *May 25, 1865.*

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